

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. An interactive scheduling system for performing a scheduling process, the system comprising:

at least one end user computer operable by one of a plurality of end users for transmitting scheduling requests via a network;

5 at least one service provider computer operable by one of a plurality of service providers for transmitting service schedules via the network; and

a central controller for receiving said scheduling requests and said service schedules and performing said scheduling process, where said scheduling process includes providing said service schedules to said plurality of end users via the network to enable said plurality of end users to transmit said scheduling requests for services provided by said plurality of service providers and to determine if at least one available date and time of said service schedules matches said transmitted scheduling requests.

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